

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, preceding paragraph [0001], please insert the following:

**-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION --**

Page 1, preceding paragraph [0002], please insert the following:

**-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --**

Page 2, preceding paragraph [0004], please insert the following:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

Page 2, please replace paragraph [0006] with the following:

The advantages of the electromagnetic drive device of the invention are more especially that it may be produced with a simple design, which is extremely narrow and flat, the width of the overall arrangement hardly exceeding the diameter of the drive part and simultaneously essentially being equal to the width of the pole pieces. This drive device is therefore more particularly suitable for very narrow plate valves. A further advantage is that the drive device generously allows for inaccuracies in manufacture owing to the radially symmetrical design. No substantial twisting and tilting forces occur, which might impair the service life of the bearings.

Page 2, please delete paragraphs [0007] and [0008].

Page 4, preceding paragraph [0016], please insert the following:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

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Page 4, preceding paragraph [0018], please insert the following:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--**